

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION II

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BY EMAIL ONLY

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Re:

Diamond Alkali, Lower Passaic River Study Area - River Mile 10.9

Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action

USEPA Region 2 CERCLA Docket No. 02-2012-2015

Dear Ms. Mack:

Enclosed please find the revised proposed Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action ("Removal AOC"). As you may know, the US Environmental Agency ("EPA") met with counsel for several Cooperating Parties Group ("CPG") members today to discuss the removal action and we understand that to the extent it was previously unclear if some or all CPG members would sign the Removal AOC, the revisions to the AOC should resolve that doubt.

Also enclosed are a revised Appendix A (the names of the settling parties) and Appendix E (the date has been changed to June 2012). We may yet need to revise the AOC caption, since we are still waiting for information about changes to the names of several of the settling parties.

We are looking forward to receiving signature pages and working with the CPG to implement the AOC. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

cc:

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